

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

TRAVIS LANE,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
VS.	§	NO: 2:15-cv-524
	§	(JURY)
	§	
LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION, INC.,	§	
Defendant.	§	

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, **TRAVIS LANE** (“**LANE**”), Plaintiff, and files this his Original Complaint, complaining of and against **LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION, INC.** (“**LTI**”), Defendant in this cause, and in support thereof, would respectfully show the Court the following, to-wit:

1. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Texas.
2. Defendant, **LTI**, is a foreign corporation with its principle residence and place of business in either the State of Indiana or the State of Michigan. Defendant may be served with summons by serving its registered agent, CT Corporation System, at 1999 Bryan St., Ste. 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136.
3. The matter in controversy exceeds, exclusive interest and costs, the sum specified by 28 U.S.C. §1332, and Plaintiff and Defendant are residents and citizens of different states; therefore, this Court has jurisdiction.
4. This Court has venue because this accident occurred in the Eastern District of Texas, and Plaintiff was a resident in the Eastern District of Texas when the accident occurred. Some of the key witnesses are from the Eastern district of Texas, Marshall Division, who will be testifying in this

case, and certainly, it is more convenient for some of the key witnesses, especially health care providers, to testify in Court in the Marshall Division. Furthermore, Defendant regularly conducts business in the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division.

5. On or about October 31, 2014, Plaintiff, **LANE**, was traveling Southbound on State Highway 7 near Center, Texas in a tractor/trailer, when Thomas Gonzales, driving a tractor/trailer owned by Defendant, **LTI**, pulled out from F.M. 711 and collided with Plaintiff, **LANE**.

6. At all times pertinent to this lawsuit, Thomas Gonzales was in the course and scope of his employment or agency relationship with Defendant, **LTC**, and Plaintiff invokes the doctrine of *Respondeat Superior*.

7. On the occasion in question, Defendant's driver, Thomas Gonzales, operated the 2005 Kenworth in a negligent manner, in that he violated the duty which he owed to Plaintiffs to exercise ordinary care in the operation of his motor vehicle, *inter alia*, in failing to yield the right of way. in failing to control his speed, in failing to keep a proper look-out, in failing to properly apply his brakes, in failing to take proper evasive action in order to avoid a collision, in failing to stay in his lane of traffic, and in violating such laws and ordinances so as to constitute negligence *per se*. Each of these acts and omissions, singularly, or in combination with others, constituted negligence which proximately caused the occurrence made the basis of this action and Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

8. As a direct and proximate result of the previously described negligence of the Defendant, Plaintiff, **LANE**, suffered injuries to his body generally. These injuries are permanent in nature and in all reasonable probability, said Plaintiff will suffer for a long time into the future, if not for the balance of his natural life. Plaintiff has suffered severe physical pain and mental anguish, and in reasonable probability, will suffer such physical pain and mental anguish in the future. Plaintiff has incurred medical expenses and lost wage earning capacity in the past, and in reasonable probability

will incur such in the future. Further, Plaintiff has suffered severe physical impairment and disfigurement, and in reasonable probability, will suffer such physical impairment and disfigurement in the future. This suit is brought for fair, reasonable and adequate compensation for all of his damages, and it is alleged that such compensation is well in excess of \$100,000.00.

9. Plaintiff would show that he is entitled to both pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest rates allowed by law or statute.

REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL

11. Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by a jury of his peers.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that Defendant be cited to appear and answer, and that upon final trial, Plaintiff recovers a judgment against the Defendant for his damages, interest, costs, and for such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled, general and special, at law and at equity

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